Express Mail No.: EV 456 921 261 US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Chappey et al.

Serial No.: 10/612,603

Filed: July 1, 2003

For: COMPOSITIONS AND

METHODS FOR DETERMINING

SUSCEPTIBILITY OF A PATHOGENIC VIRUS TO PROTEASE INHIBITORS

Confirmation No.: 4793

Art Unit: 1648

Examiner: Wang, Louise Z

Attorney Docket No.: 11068-0065-999

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.143

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated November 10, 2005, for the above-identified patent application, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute Group I, encompassing Claims 1, 2, 7, 8 and 12-42, drawn to methods for determining whether a human immunodeficiency virus type 1 has an increased likelihood of having a reduced susceptibility to treatment with a protease inhibitor.

Enclosed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time for one month up to and including <u>January 10, 2006</u>.

Applicants fully reserve the right to pursue non-elected subject matter in one or more later filed divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part applications.

Applicants believe that the claims of the instant application meet all of the conditions for patentability and are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

No fees, other than that for the Petition for Extension of Time, are believed to be due with this response. However, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136 (a)(3), the Commissioner is

authorized to charge all required fees, or credit any overpayment, to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013 (949677-999065).

Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 6, 2006

56,056

(Reg. No.)

David C. Pauling

For: Nikolaos C. George (Reg. No. 39,201)

JONES DAY

222 East 41st Street

New York, New York 10017-6702

(212) 326-3939